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SUBJ: PRESIDENT JAWARA'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

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1. FOLLOWING UP ON EARLIER APPROACH TO EMBASSY REGARDING
PRESIDENT JAWARA'S PLANNED TRIP TO THE US (REFTEL), EMBASSY HAS
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RECEIVED NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DATED APRIL 15,
PROVIDING FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND REQUESTING SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE.

2. TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,

STATE HOUSE,
BANJUL, THE GAMBIA.

MEA/TYIQXA/(252)

THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
GAMBIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO INFORM IT AS FOLLOWS:-

HIS EXCELLENCY ALHAJI SIR DAWDA K JAWARA IN HIS CAPACITY
AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT
CONTROL IN THE SAHEL, (CILSS) HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE, INTENDS
TO UNDERTAKE A SENSITIZATION TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA DURING THE PERIOD 20TH MAY TO 5TH JUNE 1978.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE CILSS HEADS
OF STATE CONFERENCE PROPOSES FIRST OF ALL TO VISIT WASHINGTON D C
AND THEREAFTER NEW YORK CITY. WHILST IN WASHINGTON, HIS EXCELLENCY
ALHAJI SIR DAWDA K JAWARA WOULD WISH TO CALL ON THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT AND ALSO ADDRESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.
THE CHAIRMAN ALSO PROPOSES TO VISIT THE WORLD BANK. IN NEW YORK,
H E ALHAJI SIR DAWDA JAWARA WISHES TO MEET AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS
WITH PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE BLACK AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND ALSO
WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS BASED IN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOREGOING THE MINISTRY WOULD BE
EXTREMELY GRATEFUL IF THE EMBASSY COULD KINDLY CONTACT THE
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES WITH A VIEW TO MAKING
ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED MEETINGS REFERRED
TO ABOVE.

IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY SCHEDULE OF THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE
CILSS HEADS OF STATE CONFERENCE, THE MINISTRY WOULD GREATLY
APPRECIATE IT IF THE EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE TO FIX FIRM DATES IN
RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD
STATED ABOVE.

THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
GAMBIA, WHILST ANTICIPATING THE KIND INTERVENTION OF THE EMBASSY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPOR-
TUNITY TO RENEW THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

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